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All Saints Day

Year A

31st October/1st November, 2020

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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Sacramental Program – 1st Holy Communion

This weekend sees the first of 5 masses for our young parishioners who have completed their journey through the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion. Due to COVID restrictions we have had to arrange an extra weekend mass for the 1st communicants and their families. There will be another 4 masses over the next 3 weekends. We congratulate all the children and their parents and I ask that you keep them all in your prayers.

All Soul's Day Mass

Mass will be offered on Monday, November 2nd commencing 9:00am at St Joachim's for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Bookings will close at 5:00pm on Sunday.

Month of November Mass Offerings

Traditionally in this parish we write the names of our deceased loved ones in the book beside the sanctuary and in doing so we ask our community to remember them in prayer. There will also be envelopes provided on the tables in the churches, you can write the names of your loves one and nominate a weekday mass you would like Fr Joson to offer in their memory.

Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, November 14th however due to Covid-19 restricted numbers, only invitees and their guests will be able to attend. Invitations are issued to those families who have held the funeral of their loved one in the parish in the last year. If any parishioner has a lost a loved one during the last 12 months and would like to have them remembered on the day, please contact the Parish Office.

Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

2 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

READINGS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading

Revelations 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Parish Diary

Monday, November 2nd

All Souls' Day

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Funeral Mass – Pauline O'Connor

Livestreamed 11:30am

<https://youtu.be/Fg0uVd4dbf8>

Wednesday, November 4th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, November 5th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, November 6th

(Includes Anointing of the Sick)

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, November 7th

Baptism 10:00am

St Agnes'

1st Communion Mass 10:30am

St Joachim's

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 7th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, November 8th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Baptism 10:30am

St Agnes'

1st Communion Mass 10:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Pauline O'Connor and Edna Hale. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

FUNERAL MASS FOR PAULINE O'CONNOR

Due to COVID 19 restrictions numbers for Pauline's funeral are limited. The family has asked us to share a link so that those who may be interested can join the funeral live via the following link on Monday, November 2nd commencing 11:30am. All you need to do is click on the following: <https://youtu.be/FqOuVd4dbf8>

COUNTERS

Tony's team

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

Our Wednesday Evening Mass will recommence from Wednesday, November 4th commencing 6:00pm in St Agnes Church. Bookings are required.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 4th at 3:30pm.

The local conference is looking for a secondhand lawnmower for a new client. If anyone has one, in working order that they no longer require and would like to donate to St Vinnies please give Dot a call at the office.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

These will be on sale at the churches from next weekend. For those who attend 7:30am mass they will only be for sale prior to mass.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 - 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>



NEW FAITH STUDY SERIES

Hello all! Abundance Youth is offering a 6-week Faith Study series, digging deeper into our personal faith, inviting us deeper in the call Jesus offers us as Disciples. It is open to High Schoolers, Young Adults and any interested Parents. The faith study series will run from the 5th November till the 10th December, running each Thursday night from 6:00-7:30pm at the Parish Centre, corner Tudor Street and Logan Road, Mt Gravatt. To RSVP or get more information, please email hello@abundanceyouth.com or call 0400 898 381. Thanks!

SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

MASS FOR HEALING OF YOUR FAMILY TREE

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon on Friday, 6th November commencing 7.30pm. Limited number of place available. Register at lenpatairey@gmail.com or 0421977849. Information and genogram available on <https://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/news.php>

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

Lourdes Hill College, a school of Good Samaritan Education, is currently taking enrolments for 2024 (current Year 3 students). For full details on enrolments please go to lhc.qld.edu.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE – JANUARY, 2021

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an **Orientation Course** in **January 2021**. If you are interested in learning more, please visit

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

Please remember social distancing at all times.

It is also important to keep the 1.5m distance when you are processing to communion.



HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

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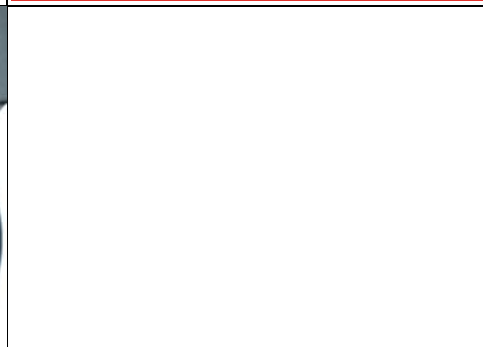
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